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SUBJECT: AUDIBILITY OF RADIO LIBERTY IN BALTICS

REF: MOSCOW 18342

1. SUMMARY. WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS, EMBOFF FOUND RL BROADCASTING TO BE JAMMED EFFECTIVELY IN THE THREE BALTIC CAPITALS AND ALONG THE RAIL ROUTES MOSCOW-VILNIUS, RIGA-TALLINN, AND TALLINN-MOSCOW. A SONY ICF 5900 WAS USED. TIMES ARE GIVEN IN GMT. END SUMMARY.

2. TRAIN FROM MOSCOW-VIL'NIUS, NOV 27. EMBOFF MONITORED ALL RL FREQUENCIES BROADCASTING TO THE USSR AT 1645-1700 HOURS. ALL WERE COMPLETELY JAMMED OR UNAVAILABLE, EXCEPT FOR 5955 AT 1650 HOURS, WHEN VOICE COULD BE UNDERSTOOD, BARELY, OVER THE JAMMING, AND FOR 6170 AT 1700 HOURS, WHEN VOICE WAS FAINTLY AUDIBLE OVER JAMMING.

3. FROM HOTEL NERINGA, CENTRAL VIL'NIUS (THIRD FLOOR), 0630-0650 NOV 29 ALL AVAILABLE FREQUENCIES WERE THOROUGHLY JAMMED. SAME WAS TRUE FROM 1500-1520 THAT DAY, EXCEPT FOR 7295, WHICH WAS UNJAMMED AND CLEAR FROM 1500-1505, THEN PARTIALLY JAMMED BUT STILL AUDIBLE. AT 1710-1730, 1910-1930 AND 2015-2035 NOV 29 ALL AVAILABLE FREQUENCIES WERE THOROUGHLY JAMMED EXCEPT FOR 5955 AT 1915, WHEN VOICE COULD BE UNDERSTOOD OVER
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JAMMING.

4. AT HOTEL RIGA (FOURTH FLOOR) IN DOWNTOWN
RIGA JAMMING WAS THOROUGHLY EFFECTIVE ON VIRTUALLY ALL
AVAILABLE RL FREQUENCIES DEC 1 AT 0845-08355, 1350-1405
AND 1740-1755. EXCEPTIONS WERE 11970 AT 1355, WHEN
AUDIBILITY WAS DIFFICULT TO GOOD THANKS TO UNEVEN JAMMING;
AND 6170 AT 1740, WHEN VOICE WAS BARELY AUDIBLE THROUGH
JAMMING.

5. TRAIN FROM RIGA-TALLINN, 2050-2110 DEC 1, ALL AVAIL-
ABLE FREQUENCIES WERE THOROUGHLY JAMMED.

6. AT HOTEL VIRU, CENTRAL TALLINN, 16TH FLOOR, ALL
FREQUENCIES WERE FULLY JAMMED FROM 1940-1945 DEC 2.

7. SAME WAS TRUE ON TRAIN FROM TALLINN-MOSCOW DEC 3,
FROM 1930-1940. SOLE EXCEPTION WAS 7220, WHERE AT 1935
VOICE WAS BARELY AUDIBLE THROUGH JAMMING.
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